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## Mary Mudd to Fill Hoover Vacancy During Search

By Tim Rohwer

Mary Mudd, UNO assistant vice chancellor for educational and student services since 1992, has been appointed by Chancellor Del Weber to interim head of that department beginning July 1.

She replaces Richard Hoover who resigned in April to be the new president of Hastings College.

The educational and student services department oversees the offices of Career Planning and Placement Services, Counseling/University Division, Health Services, the Learning Center, Multicultural Affairs, orientation and other support services.

"As the interim head, which is just a temporary position, I want to continue to provide quality service to the students and to initiate new programs," Mudd said. "It's an

exciting, challenging opportunity for me, but I believe I can offer something to UNO."

Improved support services for new students is one goal she wants to achieve, Mudd said. This would include the formation of an orientation course for all new students.

"We've not been paying enough attention to freshmen or first-year students as I call them. We need to develop programs that highlight their needs," she said.

"I would like to see them take a seminar course during their first semester to help them adjust to college life. I think this course to help first-year students in the transition to college life is important and it can be tailor-made to both traditional and nontraditional students."



—Mudd

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## Clarkson Hospital Purchase Issue to Go Before Board of Regents Saturday

By Andy Ryba

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will discuss the possibility of purchasing Clarkson Hospital at its June 10 meeting.

Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien, of Waterloo, said the university may have the opportunity to buy Clarkson depending on the outcome of Saturday's meeting.

Hospital administrators have accepted an offer to sell Clarkson to Columbia-HCA Healthcare Corp. for \$83.7 million, but a 1953 provision states that should Clarkson cease operation, NU has the right of first refusal.

The University of Nebraska purchased the land that Clarkson Hospital is built on and as a result, NU was granted the first opportunity to buy it back should hospital administrators decide to sell.

Recently, Clarkson has suffered a

sharp decline in patient numbers, partly because of the growing trend in outpatient care.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha was cautiously optimistic about each regent's position on the acquisition.

"I don't try to second guess the regents," Skrupa said. "When I do, we end up losing an engineering college. That was the last time I tried to guess what the regents were going to do."

Skrupa said the regents supported the acquisition.

She also said buying Clarkson would be a logical choice and could benefit the Med Center in the future.

"We have to be looking ahead to what's going to be happening to that hospital (Med Center)," Skrupa said. It's becoming a nationally and internationally recognized center for cancer research and transplants."

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## Gateway Breaks With Tradition; Publishes Summer Issue on Tuesday

By Veronica Burgher

Because fewer students and faculty tread the UNO campus on Fridays during the summer session, the *Gateway* will now be distributed on Tuesdays through August 8.

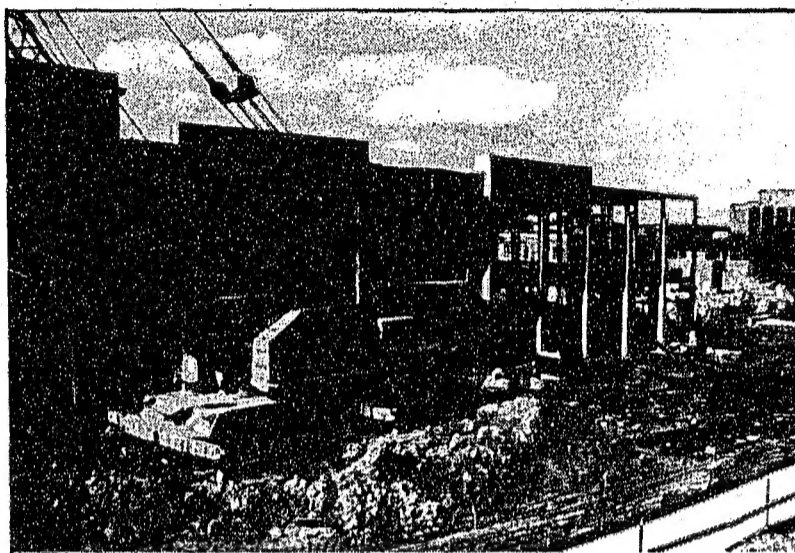
Traditionally, the *Gateway* has been distributed on Fridays during the summer session. But after comparing the number of students are on campus on Fridays to the number of students here on Tuesdays, the decision was made to change the issue day.

This allows *Gateway* advertisers

exposure to more students for their money and allows the news articles that students read to be more timely than if the papers have been sitting on the stands for four days.

The entertainment section, now known as "The Dawg Daze of Summer," and several other new changes are in store for the summer issues of the *Gateway*.

In the fall, the *Gateway* will return to the normal Tuesday and Friday issue days.



- Scott Kemper

As the summer school session continues, so does the Student Center facelift. Workers toil to expand the building's south side.

## 'Cost of Engineering School Overestimated'

By Beth Warner

James H. Suttle, chairman of UNO Citizens Group for Information Sciences, said an engineering school at UNO will cost between \$250,000 and \$500,000, not \$39 million as once believed.

At a Rotary luncheon speech May 26 entitled "The Fire, the Ashes, and the Phoenix: the UNO College of Engineering Issue," Suttle said the laboratories, classrooms and libraries needed for an engineering school already exist at UNO.

The cost of a separate UNO engineering school will be mostly administrative, he said. The \$250,000 to \$500,000 represents the cost of administrators, secretaries and other administrative expenses needed to govern the programs separately.

Suttle emphasized that UNL and UNO have separate missions to meet the needs of different types of students. He said UNL is an "8 a.m. to 5 p.m. college," geared toward full-time students who live on campus. He said UNO is a "7 a.m. to 11 p.m. college," geared toward students who work and require more flexible schedules.

The two engineering schools could help meet the needs of both types of students, he said.

Suttle began by addressing "facts, nonfacts, truths and myths" about the engineering school issue. These included: "the school cannot afford two colleges,

Lincoln is only 50 minutes away, there are too many engineers already, and we can use television as an instructional means."

Suttle used the example of a hamburger stand waiting until there were 200 people lined up next to an empty lot before it opened for business, as an analogy of resistance to a separate UNO engineering school.

Suttle said high school students show a continued interest in engineering.

He cited an eight-year study by the Boy Scouts of America on the career interests of its members. Suttle said the study indicated that engineering was a main interest.

The future will be high-tech, Suttle said, and the information superhighway will "gobble up" new engineers.

Suttle said live interaction is needed to effectively teach math and physics. Television instruction lacks this.

"We might as well broadcast from M.I.T.," he said.

Though UNL is 50 minutes away, Suttle said "it might as well be 5,000 miles away. For a student to take classes at UNL requires a two-hour drive round trip. Combined with class time, this is too time consuming and impractical for many students."

He said the issue "has ramifications all the way from Scottsbluff to 90th and Maple Streets."

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HEY! COME ON! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?! HEY, STOP!...

## 'It's Obvious, UNO Needs Dorms'

The sky is blue ... The sun rises in the east ... The sun sets in the west ... UNO needs dorms ...

Enough of overstating the obvious.

For years, there has been a call from the students, faculty and community demanding dorms on the UNO campus. But there always seems to be more questions presented than solutions. Where will they be? How much will construction cost? Who will pay for the dorms? The arguments have gone on for years, as UNO has continuously toyed with and teased with the possibility of finally having dorms.

But it just might actually happen this time.

On Saturday, June 10, at UNL's Varner Hall, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents will decide if UNO will be condemned to commuter campus status, or whether the demand for dorms will finally be answered.

UNO has nothing to lose, but rather everything to gain by becoming a university with available student housing.

According to a June 6 *Omaha World-Herald* article, the current graduation rate for UNO students entering as full-time freshmen is 22 percent. The link between academic success and student housing, surprisingly, is quite obvious.

When students come to UNO, what they are robbed of by simply going to classes, serving the time, and going home is incredible. Instead, by encouraging students to make their academic careers more closely related to their personal lives, not necessarily by living and breathing their major, but by cutting down the attitude of "I'm only here to get my degree," which seems to run rampant at times, more will make an

effort to get the most out of their educational opportunities while they are on campus.

Drawing students to the campus and keeping them there is often the key difference between a successful and mediocre school. It is harder for students to get back into their car, drive all the way back to school, and then go all the way home just for a meeting or other activity. Instead, when students are actually on campus for more than a few hours a week, the result is more student and faculty involvement.

UNO is far from mediocre. UNO has made incredible achievements in the past decades, with highly esteemed and well-known professors, top facilities and excellent academic opportunities all here on campus.

However, our campus has now reached the point where UNO is asking the Board of Regents, "How much do you really want UNO to succeed?" and "Are you really going to deprive us and hold us back?"

Some argue that the University of Nebraska system already has two schools, Kearney and Lincoln, that offer student housing, and it doesn't need to add Omaha to that bracket. They couldn't be any further off the mark.

The biggest loss UNO takes each year is the number of qualified and talented students who would like to go to UNO, but choose to go elsewhere because they would prefer a university with student housing, or they feel they would be missing out on the full college experience.

There is a huge misconception that UNO is inferior to the other University of Nebraska campuses and other campuses nationwide, but this is simply not

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**Marylynnne  
Ziemba**

This is a letter to Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson from Nancy O'Brien, chairwoman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, dated June 7, 1995.

Dear Gov. Nelson:

I am extremely disappointed in the action you took recently with regard to the University of Nebraska's budget, and the message you continue to send to Nebraskans about the role of public higher education. Your veto of \$17.5 million from the Legislature's budget for the University will have a serious, negative impact on the University and the State of Nebraska.

There has never been a more important time for investment in higher education, and the University of Nebraska, with 50,000 students, is by far the largest and most significant provider of higher education in the State. The Board of Regents established a number of important priorities for the State's investment over the next two years, including millions of dollars to enhance engineering education, significant numbers of new faculty in areas of high demand, and support for deteriorating libraries on our campuses.

In addition, meeting the new demand from dramatic increases in new students this fall, which I address below, is an important responsibility. While you have endorsed a number of our priorities, the support you propose diminishes our ability to address them.

At your press conference Monday you said that the University will still receive \$36 million after your vetoes. As you are well aware that leaves us several million dollars short of funding for our salary obligations alone. We have contracts to pay faculty salaries of 4 percent at UNO and UNK, and the Board of Regents does not to treat its nonunionized faculty and staff differently. This follows two years in which we agreed to give salary increases set by you: about one-half of 1 percent last year and about 2 percent this year.

Your funding gap leaves no new support to address priorities such as engineering education, critically needed new faculty positions, libraries and contributions to our health insurance trust. Since the funding you have set does not even meet salary obligations, any additional costs have to be made up through cuts to current programs or tuition hikes. This is unfortunate and unnecessary.

Your veto is in part an attempt to force your "vacancy savings" plan on the University. But the fact is, the University does not have "vacancy saving." We spend considerably more each year to hire temporary faculty than the amount you have identified for vacant positions. If your veto is sustained, we may be forced to lay off some of these much-needed faculty.

The University is not simply another

State agency, and the "vacancy savings" plan whatever it's merits with your agencies, does not apply to the University.

It would be one thing if you were asking the University to do the same with less money. But you are asking that we do considerably more with less money. Our campuses report dramatic increases in admissions for next fall; this means more sections of courses must be taught and more faculty hired. This is not the time to impose theoretical "vacancy savings."

• As of June 1, UNL had admitted 1,072 more first-time freshmen than at the same time last year. Transfer applications were up 40 percent. The total number of applications have increased by 21 percent. Compared to last year, on-campus housing reservations are up by 717 students.

• UNK has admitted 364 more first-time freshmen than at this time last year, and transfer applications are up about 7 percent. Total applications at UNK are up 20 percent, and an additional 150 (20 percent) students have reserved on-campus housing.

• UNO has admitted 10 percent more freshmen than at this time last year, and

transfer applications are up 17 percent. Re-admissions, a number particularly critical at UNO are up over 50 percent. (Re-admissions are students who attended UNO at least two years ago and have applied to be re-admitted.)

These admissions data are impressive, and they indicate that we will have much greater demand on our resources. Total enrollment — and tuition revenue — is not expected to increase, but the change in composition of the campuses' student bodies will require many new sections of courses for freshmen. This is not the time to cut back on support for the University.

No matter how it is packaged, the budget after your veto does not provide enough to pay the salaries we are obligated to pay, let alone provide any funding for engineering education and other important programs. We are engaged in planning for streamlining now, but this will not have a great impact on the fiscal year that begins in three weeks. Your approach — to force reductions without appropriate planning — is not in the best long-term interests of the University and the State.

The University of Nebraska receives less than 18 percent of the budget, but it took over 40 percent of the dollar amount of your vetoes. The University's budget has increased on average less than 3 percent per year over the last four years. The Legislature's budget this year includes much-needed funding for engineering education, faculty and libraries — and it fully and fairly funds salaries. It is a realistic budget based on sound predictions, and it is balanced.

Sincerely,

Nancy O'Brien  
Chairwoman

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## NEWS BITS

### Hosts Needed for Foreign Guests

Homestay hosts are being sought for 40 students from the Hiroshima College of Foreign Languages who will study English at UNO July 15-30.

Hosts will be responsible for transporting the students to classes at UNO, and for providing meals and hospitality while the students are in the host's home. In exchange, hosts will receive a \$200 stipend.

In addition to the hosts, people are needed during the day to converse in English with the students.

To volunteer to be a host or to be a discussion partner, call Sue Linehan at 554-2524 or Curt Freerking at 554-2944.

### Kenny Named UNO's Employee of the Month

Dan Kenny, a programmer analyst for computing and data communications, is June's UNO employee of the month.

His nominators noted his expertise and attitude as valuable assets to UNO. Another nominator pointed out Kenny's work to improve UNO's phone-in registration system known as BRUNO.

As employee of the month, Kenny will receive a pin, portrait, gift certificate and use of a designated parking place. He also will be honored at the June 10 Board of Regents meeting in Lincoln.

### University Observes Summer Hours

Here are the summer hours for various UNO buildings and services:

— **University workday hours** are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, August 11.

— **Student Center** is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed Saturdays and Sundays. The administrative offices will be staffed Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a night manager on duty after 5 p.m.

— **Computer User Rooms** observe the following hours:

**Durham Science Center** is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to midnight, Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon-midnight.

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**Eppley Administration Building, Room 009** is open 24 hours a day.

— **Book Store** is open Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday.

— **Library** is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Associate Vice Chancellor Barbara Hayhome Loses Battle with Cancer

By Jennifer K. McWilliams

After serving more than 20 years to the university, UNO mourned the passing of Barbara Hayhome, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and the associate dean for graduate studies at UNO.

Hayhome, 52, died May 11 of complications from cancer. She was awarded the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Achievement Award in April.

Her dedication to the university included acting as the chairwoman of the biology department before assuming the role of assistant vice chancellor.

Hayhome, a geneticist, received her bachelor's degree from Hastings College and her master's and doctorate from the University of Chicago. After teaching at California State University, Chico and Midland Lutheran College, Hayhome came to UNO, where she specialized in genetics, molecular biology, and physiology.

Hayhome was named chairwoman of the department in 1984 and quickly came to be regarded as "one of the best chairs the department ever had," said Mary Glugowski, manager of UNO's EEO/Employee Relations office.

As the assistant vice chancellor, Hayhome fought for gender equality and acted as a role model for women faculty, staff, and administrators.

Hayhome was credited as being instrumental in increasing the number of women faculty hired and helped those women to attain advancements.

Hayhome served as the chair of the committee responsible for re-writing the affirmative action guidelines for the university. Her committee's document now serves as a model for all four University of Nebraska campuses.

"She had an incredible gift for organizing things," said Glugowski. Hayhome successfully transformed "the unwieldy sexual harassment policy into a beautiful document," Glugowski continued.

Hayhome continued to work to revise the University policies up to the time of her death, spearheading a review of the tenure guidelines.

"Every young faculty member knows how complicated and 'mysterious' getting tenure can be," wrote Barbara Hewins-Maroney in a letter nominating Hayhome for the Outstanding Achievement Award. Hayhome's work with individual faculty and staff was unmatched, in Hewins-Maroney's opinion.

In her 20 years at UNO, Hayhome gained an understanding of the university's policies and guidelines. "When tricky or complicated academic



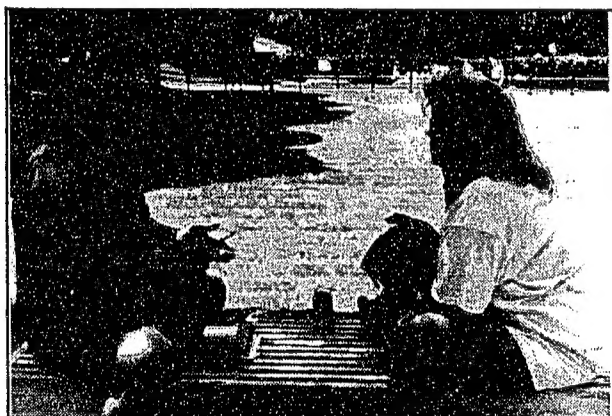
—John Lockke

### Barbara Hayhome at a recent reception for her Outstanding Achievement Award.

administrative issues arise, it is Barbara whom staff look to for input," Hewins-Maroney wrote. Hayhome could be counted on to be objective and knowledgeable, as well as humorous and crafty, she said.

Hayhome was very perceptive, she strove for efficiency without cutting corners, Glugowski said. She was always very supportive as well as an incredibly generous person, Glugowski continued.

A scholarship fund was created in Hayhome's memory in the care of the UNO Alumni Association. She was survived by colleague and friend, Jody Carrigan, and aunt Barbara Sprute of Spokane, Washington.



—Mary Glugowski

### Shady Dealings

UNO Senior David Morgan and Junior Louise Miller escape summer's early heat beneath some Pep Bowl foliage.

## Student Senate Plans Bus Trip to Saturday's Regent Meeting to Show Support for Residence Halls at UNO

By Kate Kalamaja

Tomorrow the University of Nebraska Board of Regents will vote on whether or not residence halls will soon be a new addition to the UNO campus.

At the Student Senate meeting on May 25, both Chief Administrative Officer Craig Richter and Student President Regent Justin Peterson, expressed the importance of having as many UNO students as possible attend the Regent's meeting.

"We have a goal of getting at least 100 (students) there," Peterson said at the senate meeting.

As of Wednesday, Richter said so far about 70 students have signed up.

The buses are scheduled to leave between 7:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. from the east side of Arts and Sciences Hall.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber and Peterson will present a UNO student housing concept proposal to the Regents. The Regents will vote on the issue the same day.

At the senate meeting, Peterson said the housing would be residence

halls and not typical cramped dorms.

The proposal includes:

- The location of the housing would be on campus, south of the Fine Arts Building in the parking area adjacent to Elmwood Park.

- In a mid-rise configuration, the size of each suite would be 725 net square feet, and include two bedrooms, a living room, kitchenette and a bathroom.

- The commons area would include lounges, study areas, computer rooms, waiting areas and laundry facilities for student use.

- All student housing would be accessible to the physically disabled.

- The suites would be furnished with beds, desks, chairs, living room furniture, a microwave and a small refrigerator.

- The proposed project includes 600 beds.

The proposal states there is a strong need for on campus housing for international students and athletes, but also for honors students, the disabled and the student community as a whole.

A study done by MPC Associates, Inc. of Washington D.C., which was

commissioned by UNO to address the need and demand for residence halls, indicated that 89 percent of international students surveyed were interested in residential accommodations as incoming students.

Ninety-two percent of athletes surveyed said they would also be interested. Another study also conducted by MPC Associates stated, "Seventy-nine percent of the population surveyed said they would have been interested in university student housing on or near campus as an incoming student of any class."

Student Government allocated funds from contingency to provide students with transportation to and from Lincoln tomorrow. They also allocated funds to cover \$1.50 for each person's lunch at the Rock'n'Roll Runza in Lincoln.

"This is something UNO has needed and wanted for a long time," Peterson said.

In Other Business:

- Marcia Lively was appointed director of the Disabled Students Agency.

- Brad Edmundson was appointed to Traffic Appeals Chair.

- Sens. Dan Polly, Annette Crowder, and Miki Valenta resigned.

# The Daze of Summer

## Daytime Dramas Infiltrate Student Life and College Curriculum

By College Press Service

College students have been fans of soap operas for years. At most colleges, it's routine for dorm dwellers to pile into TV rooms between classes and devour the guilty pleasures of "The Young and the Restless" and other daytime dramas.

But for a growing number of students, watching the soaps isn't just a leisure-time indulgence anymore. It's homework.

"Soaps have been a very important area of media studies for the last 10 years," says Robert Allen, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Daytime serials are a regular feature in his courses analyzing television.

Soaps operas—where intrigue, romance, betrayal and occasional bouts of amnesia are all grist for tomorrow's cliffhanger—have hooked some academics. They say the tune-in-tomorrow plotlines of soap operas often mirror society's larger concerns and anxieties.

"I think it's essential for students as American citizens to try to achieve some critical self-awareness of the culture they live in," says Laurie Schulze, a University of Denver mass communications professor.

Schulze teaches an array of media courses, including one called Television Culture that analyzes daytime serials. On her office wall hangs a poster of Susan Lucci, star of "All My Children." Across the room is a poster of Sigourney Weaver, wielding a flame thrower.

"I have my students read some critical work about soap operas and how they are structured differently from the rest of television. We take a look at the social and cultural meanings of (the plots)."

Schulze tells students to pick their favorite soap opera and work with that. "They seem to like 'The Young and the Restless' the most. It's a little more like 'Melrose Place' than the others. They said they liked it because it was about being young."

Her own favorite is "All My Children." "They've done some good storylines. It actually had a plot involving a lesbian when no one was doing that. The show deals with social issues without being stodgy."

What do students learn by watching "All My Children" and other daytime weepies? "Soaps really are a feminine narrative form," Schulze says. "They're circular and open-ended and more concerned with relationships and feelings. They show the mundane everyday domestic stuff that we all grind through. Because we're not all homicide cops in Baltimore or doctors in a big-city emergency room. But we do all have to deal with broken relationships and insecurities."

"Most people in academia consider soap operas to be very frivolous, and there is a small group of us who are trying to change that," says Jane Feuer, a professor of film studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research into soap operas has led ABC Daytime to hire her as a consultant.

Lisa Francesconi, a senior at Pittsburgh, used to think of soaps as simply fluff. Then she took Feuer's course on television analysis. "Since then I've gained a lot of respect for them," she says. "I thought their lack of seriousness was because of poor quality. Now I see they're highly stylized."

## UNO's Weekly Guide to the Summer Soaps

### GATEWAY SOAP BUBBLES "One Life to Live"

By Jonathan Murnane

Every summer there are two things that draw people's attention: the sun and the soaps. Most students use summer as a time to catch up on their favorite daytime drama.

So to help you along is the first installment of catching up on your soaps. Over the next few weeks, all the soaps will be covered, so if you are waiting for a particular one, just wait.

This week will cover "One Life to Live." It airs on KETV Channel 7 at 1 p.m.

The main family in Llanview, where the show takes place, is the Buchanan's, headed by patriarch Asa. Asa's son Bo is the police commissioner. Son Clint is the head of the newspaper the Banner.

Bo just recently married Nora, an attorney. Asa's wife (I believe it's his eighth) is Alex. Alex is always scheming her way into somebody's business.

Victoria Lord Buchanan Carpenter is the "center" of the show. She is divorced from Clint but they have been getting cozier lately, partly due to the influence of Tori, one of the alternate personalities that inhabits Vicki's body.

This may sound like the typical unbelievable soap story, but actually it's not, partly due to the excellent writing and partly due to the excellent portrayal of Vicki by four-time Emmy winner Erika Slezak. There are numerous "alters" that inhabit Vicki's body. Tori was last in control and her goal was to destroy the Lord family name, and everything built by Victor Lord, Vicki's father, because he sexually abused her as a child (which is what caused all the other personalities to emerge).

Besides the winsome Tori, other inhabitants of Vicki's body have included Jean, the smart but deadly schemer; Tommy, a teenage boy; Princess, a 6-year-old cry baby; and Nicki, the wild party girl.

Dorian Lord is Vicki's longtime nemesis, ever since she was married to Victor. She is the only one who knew of Vicki's abuse and is the one who informed Vicki. Dorian is also the only one who knows that Vicki is not in control of herself. Dorian had been accused of (and acquitted of) Victor's murder, about 25 years ago in soap time, but whether or not she actually did it is still a mystery.

Vicki, or whichever personality has control over her, has been blackmailing Dorian so she won't reveal her plot to destroy the Lord Dynasty. Dorian went so far as to marry David Vickers, whom she despises, to please Vicki or actually Jean.

David still loves Tina, Vicki's half sister, and one of the Lord heirs, but has been having trouble convincing her of that, even though she still loves him.

Todd Manning is the other Lord heir, and he just found this out. Todd, who raped Marty a few years back and was shunned by the town, has taken over a new newspaper, the Sun, to do battle with Clint. Vicki, or actually Tori, has been secretly giving Todd information to put Clint's paper out of business.

Confused yet? Actually, once you start watching, it's easy to catch on. At last viewing, Vicki (under the personality of Tori) had just set fire to Llanfair, the estate of Victor Lord's family. Jessica, one of Vicki's kids, had been trapped and Vicki saved her, but ended up hospitalized. Stay tuned for more.

Next week: "Guiding Light."

Before when camera close-ups showed the faces of soap stars who gave exaggerated expressions of pain, it would make Francesconi want to gag. "It used to drive me crazy. Real people aren't that phony." But taking a course on soaps made her understand it's all part of the art of melodrama.

"I've learned that the intent of soap operas is to be as they are. They reflect what people want."

Profs who teach soaps point to what they say is the dramas' unique narrative form.

"Aristotle said every good play should have a beginning, a middle and an end," Feuer said. "Unless a show is cancelled, soap operas only have a middle."

"It is the only story form I know that presumes it will never end," said Allen. He's edited two academic books on soaps: "Speaking of Soap Operas" and "To Be Continued: Soap Operas Around the World."

"Soaps are probably the most popular form of television anywhere in the world. The number one TV show in 1992 in Russian, Korea and Turkey was a Mexican soap opera."

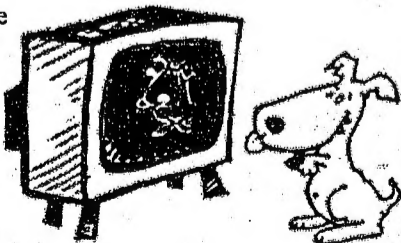
Peter Lehman, who teaches at the University of Arizona in Tucson, said the soaps and pop culture first appeared in the

college classroom in England and Australia. "Americans have resisted it for years," he said.

One reason why soaps have been ignored is because the shows traditionally have been targeted at women, say some academics.

"Soap operas are disparaged and disdained because of the relationship between them and gender," said Allen. People say things about women watching soap operas they wouldn't say about men and sports, he adds. "We don't talk about men being addicted to NBA basketball."

Yet pop culture profs say that anyone, male or female, who watches prime-time network television is now watching soap operas. "Daytime serials," says Allen, "have shaped TV."



# English Quartet Spins Delightfully Askew

By Ed Stastny

**Catherine Wheel**  
happy days (the dark ride)

The opening songs on *happy days*, the third LP from England's Catherine Wheel, set a super-metabolism that slides into a hard drift by the middle of the album and fade into a mellow poppishness by the end of the hour-long experience. The first several songs on *happy days* are powerful raucous tunes in the powerful raucous tradition of most modern rock. The songs demonstrate adequate but uninspiring guitarwork, overdriven percussion-pulse and angry-melodic vocalization. Not entirely unenjoyable. Redemption's light shines on the pure energy to be extracted from the musical juxtapositioning.

Not until the seventh track, "My Exhibition," do we get a good dose of Catherine Wheel's best. "My Exhibition" is as powerful as its six predecessors, but seems to turn a new trick with its reverberating choruses and whisper-screams. The tune also acts as a gateway to the

much more entertaining second half of the album.

Following echoishly upon "My Exhibition" is the softened sad note of "Eat My Dust You Insensitive Fuck." The song is a reflection of the conflict between inner-self and outer-perception, about potential and accomplishment. Vocalist Rob Dickinson provides an explanation in the press information, "It was written for me and for anyone who's sort of been in the bath and felt totally frustrated and desperate, feeling that no one appreciates them to the fullest. It's an in-your-face sort of sentiment. I felt that way when we were recording this album."

On throughout the second half of the album, the band provides a poppier, more playful, sound, a sound they're much more distinctive at. Comparisons can be easily drawn to Dickinson's vocal range. At times he sounds vaguely like Adrian Belew (King Crimson) or the vocalist for pop-saboteurs Blur. It's a soft, aching voice that dances sometimes.

One of the most outstanding tracks on the

album is "Judy Staring at the Sun," a duet with Belly's Tanya Donnelly. Says Dickinson, "We'd bumped into her touring. Gil Norton (producer of *happy days*) knew her from his production of *Throwing Muses*, and Belly as well, so he introduced me to her at the London Finsbury Park XFM Festival we were both playing at. We got along really well, and I knew I wanted a female voice to sing on that song. I could hear a lot of country in her voice, that sort of twang and warble, and I thought she would be perfect for this track. She recorded it at Fort Apache in Boston, she sounds great, she sounds fucking wonderful on it." Agreed.

Also of note is "Hole," a song written in reaction to the suicide of Kurt Cobain. The song sympathizes with the pain and alienation Cobain seems to have experienced. The song itself is mid-tempo and sounds a bit like a shallow attempt to identify with the dead rock legend. "Hole" doesn't elicit any emotion. Perhaps it'd be more intense live.

Track 13, "Fizzy Love" is one of the best on the album. It's a lilting harmonica-spiced

love song. No hooks, subliminals or double entendres... just a cute little pop song. The final cut, "Kill My Soul," is a reprise of the more aggressive first half of the album. The chorus is infectious and demonstrates the band's energetic repete.

Simplicity is Catherine Wheel's strong point. An asset not exploited often enough on *happy days*.



## Summer Means Second Chance for TV Viewers

By Jonathan Murnane

Well, if you spent too many hours studying this past year, you may have missed one of the best TV seasons in recent years.

However, due to the intelligence (?) of network executives, we now are entering into the repeat season, so if you missed it the first time around here's a look at some of the best reruns this coming week.

Monday night you can catch one of the best new comedies of the season: "Cybill," 8:30 p.m. on CBS. Cybill Shepard plays a twice divorced mom of two daughters struggling with her faltering acting career (a real stretch for her). The surprising thing is that it's actually funny. Christine Baranski steals the show as

alcoholic friend MaryAnn, who celebrates her third release from Betty Ford with a martini. You'll laugh.

Also on Monday is one of the new medical dramas that has plagued the tube this past year, "Chicago Hope," CBS at 9 p.m. This week, Dr. Geiger has to deal with his institutionalized wife who wants to marry someone else, also the story of teenage girl with breast cancer.

On Tuesday there is an excellent repeat of "Frasier," NBC at 8 p.m. If you watched "Home Improvement," you probably missed one of the best comedies. Tuesday, Frasier's dad Martin tries to end a long feud with his ex-best friend who's in the hospital. Niles (David Hyde Pierce)

could not be more neurotic as his wife Maris goes in for plastic surgery.

"NYPD Blue's" Tuesday episode, 9 p.m. on ABC, has a guest appearance from "Guiding Light" alum Melina Kanakaredes as a reporter trying to get the scoop from Simone (Jimmy Smits) about a serial killer. You'll have to wait till the end for the steamy love scene.

Wednesday brings us "Ellen," 7:30 p.m. on ABC, another one of the best new comedies on television. When Ellen takes ballet class she proves reminiscent of the late great Lucille Ball. Ellen can't dance.

"Party of Five," on Fox Wednesday at 8

p.m., is probably the lowest rated show on one of the big four networks. Why is beyond me. This show about five orphans struggling through life without parents is heart-wrenching in one scene, and uplifting in the next. The crew faces the challenge of fooling the social worker when the house is in disarray and two family members are missing.

Thursday night belongs to NBC and their "must see TV." As well it should. Catch the hilarious "Mad About You," NBC at 7 p.m., where Paul and Jamie face having the in-laws over for Thanksgiving dinner, or "Friends," NBC at 8:30 p.m., where Monica tries to impress a stoned chef (Jon Lovitz) and Chandler quits his job when he gets promoted. "ER," 9 p.m. on NBC, also offers one of its seasons best, as Ross faces the challenges of being a pediatric doctor in the ER when he sees a 15-year-old with AIDS and a mom that gets beat up by her daughter. Even if you caught it the first time it's worth a second look.

Finally, I know most people don't catch too much television on the weekend, but the best show on television is buried on Friday nights. I'm talking about "Picket Fences," CBS at 9 p.m., and if you can't watch it then for God's sake tape it. This is quality television at its finest. This week shows the case about forced bussing in the small town of Rome, Wis., as interim mayor Jill Brock (Emmy winner Kathy Baker) faces her prejudices. You'll thank me for it later.

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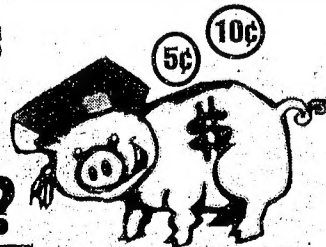
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# Engineering Hot Plate Continues to Sizzle

## Letter to NU President, Rejection of UNO Engineering Dean Fuels Already Hot Issue

By Kate Kalamaja

During the past month the debate has continued over the University of Nebraska's (NU) commitment to engineering education in Nebraska, and whether it's a commitment or not.

At the beginning of May, more than 100 members of the Omaha business community collaborated and signed a letter addressed to NU President L. Dennis Smith.

The letter stated that the engineering plan Smith has designed falls short of what is badly needed. The letter includes downfalls of the NU systems' engineering program altogether, and not just the lack of programs on the UNO campus alone.

The letter states, "...because funds may be needed to develop other partnerships, we cannot provide additional support to the university until there is evidence of a long-term commitment."

Not until the NU system makes a noticeable change in the engineering program in the university system, will the business community then again support it, the letter says.

Recently, the implementation of an engineering dean at UNO was rejected.

In a recent news report, 10 Omaha senators failed in having the Nebraska Legislature establish a dean of engineering at UNO.

Legislative Bill 392 would have allocated \$100,000 per year for that position.

The amendment received seven of the 25 needed votes.

Presenting the amendment were Sens. Chris Abboud, Tim Hall, Jim Jensen, Carol McBride-Pirsch, Kate Witek, John Lindsay, Dan Lynch, Don Priester, Paul Hartnett and Dwite Pedersen.

The issue of engineering education in Nebraska has been a growing hot plate.

In December the NU Regents voted 5-3 against a separate College of Engineering at UNO.

President Smith then presented a proposal of a list of programs he would like to see implemented in the NU system to better strengthen the current engineering program.

His proposal included: specifying what types of degrees, courses, programs recommended in December and when they would be created; efforts between UNL and UNO to create a new program addressing the needs of information science; and a major research effort in material science and chip development in the NU systems being

available to area businesses.

McBride-Pirsch said when there is a great demand by the business community, there should be a better response to them from the university.

"I would hope they would pay attention to that," she said. "The government needs to form more partnerships, as does the university in particular. The engineering college is just one of those partnerships that should be paid attention to."

McBride-Pirsch said people need to keep the university systems' and the NU Board of Regents' "feet to the fire" and keep them under constant pressure.

"A few senators are trying to do this," she laughed.

"They (Regents) could make a big impact," McBride-Pirsch said. "This will be an ongoing discussion. It's not dead."

Gary Keefer, interim associate dean of engineering at UNO, said the progress of bettering the engineering program has been slower than the business community would like to see. Keefer has been associate dean since last August.

"I think everybody up here would like to see more," Keefer said. "If we don't see some tangible results soon, which are going to be very important for the growth of the university," Keefer said, "if we don't do that, we will lose the commitment from the most important people, the industry."

He said the university will risk losing a considerable amount of funding from the business community because of the lack of movement with the program.

One thing people lose track of, Keefer said, is that if after the programs from Smith's proposal are implemented, and if the engineering program grows at UNO, Smith said the area may be revisited; as whether to separate UNL and UNO's engineering programs.

He said hopefully soon, he sees renovations of the current engineering building completed, three to four new engineering departments housed at UNO offering degrees, and expansion of a master's degree program collaborating with UNL.

Keefer said the proposed area for a new Information Science and Technology building is on the southwest corner of the campus.

He said the NU system is bounded by Smith's proposal, and the only thing to do now is carry that out in a reasonable amount of time.

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## Harvard Professor Rides Out Storm Brewing Over Best-Selling UFO Book

By Susan McElligott

On the "X-Files," the Fox network's hit television show, FBI agent Fox Mulder has won countless fans with his maverick, unorthodox investigations into the unknown. In reality, people aren't always so accepting of those with ideas that skirt the mainstream.

Ask John E. Mack, a psychiatrist at Harvard; the book he wrote more than a year ago continues to be a source of controversy. "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens" became a best-seller, but didn't exactly earn him critical acclaim with all his colleagues. According to news reports, the dean of the Harvard Medical School initiated a peer-review process to look into Mack's research methods.

"If he'd used the same methods to research any other topic, it would have been fine," said John Kasher, a UNO physics professor who has done a good deal of study into UFO-related phenomena.

Kasher, who knows Mack personally, said the Pulitzer-Prize winning, tenured professor is probably under fire for having unusual ideas more than anything else. The book contains case studies of people who claim to have been abducted by aliens, with comments from the author accompanying each case. While hypnosis is necessary for some people to recall their abduction experiences, 70 percent remember without it, he said.

Detractors are trying to make the case that Mack led the witnesses to tell him what he wanted to hear, Kasher said. He described Harvard's inquiry into the matter as "shady," and "behind-closed-doors," and "uninformed."

"Some people are very uncomfortable with stepping beyond the boundaries of normal experience," he said. "They make irrational, not objective, attempts at denial."

He said Mack had to hire a lawyer to discover what was really going on.

Kasher said that when he spoke with Mack at a conference in St. Paul, Minn., last November and expressed his respect for Mack's work, the Harvard professor asked if he would be willing to repeat that to the people at his university.

"He must have been worried about it even then," he said. This was Kasher's first indication of the storm that was brewing over the book. Since then, he has written to Harvard in Mack's defense.

In Kasher's opinion, the book was well written and soundly researched.

"He just let it come; he didn't try to fit it

into a mold," he said.

Since thousands of people in the United States seek treatment to cope with abduction experiences, and presumably there are others who don't come forward, Kasher said it was a valid subject for Mack to pursue. The phenomenon is more widespread than people think, and it doesn't just happen in rural areas, he said. In Omaha, there are 50-60 members in an abduction support group.

Kasher said other professors have written on the subject, including David Jacobs, a Temple University faculty member whose book, "Secret Life," explored patterns and consistencies in alien abductions.

"His book was recognized as being scholarly, and as I understand, it helped get him promoted," he said.

The Mack case is an extreme and rare example of a college infringing upon the academic freedom of a professor, Kasher said. He said Harvard is much more conservative than most people think.

"This is going to make Harvard look bad," he said. "I doubt they expected this kind of response."

Harvard University may be one of the last strongholds for UFO debunkers, Kasher said. Since 1987, when he first became interested in UFOs, public opinion on the subject has shifted dramatically away from skepticism. He predicted that by the end of the decade, most people will accept unquestioningly that aliens exist.

"There's a growing awareness and a new openness toward the paranormal," he said.

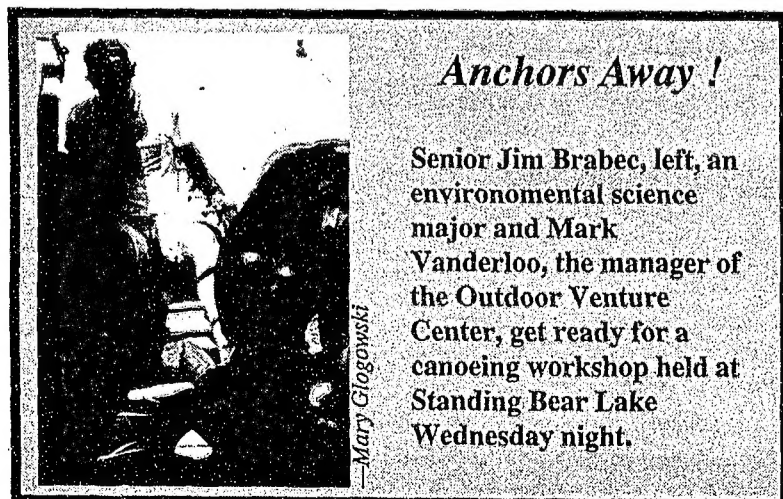
Kasher, who has presented about 130 speeches, written papers, and appeared on shows such as "Larry King Live," "Sightings" and "Encounters" to discuss UFO-related phenomena, said he has never met with any problems at UNO concerning his work.

"I feel positive about my colleagues at UNO and the interest and support they've shown," he said.

Jack Newton, acting vice chancellor of academic affairs, who once introduced Kasher at a Rotary Club speech, said he has always considered Kasher a fine scientist.

"He has a good reputation as a physicist. I can't imagine him undertaking anything not above board scientifically," Newton said.

He agreed with Kasher that UNO cultivates a tolerant environment for just about any scholarly pursuit.



### Anchors Away!

Senior Jim Brabec, left, an environmental science major and Mark Vanderloo, the manager of the Outdoor Venture Center, get ready for a canoeing workshop held at Standing Bear Lake Wednesday night.

• from Dorms, page 2 •

true. The quality of education here at UNO is comparable to many other outstanding universities across the nation. The College of Business Administration, the international studies program and the Goodrich program are just a few of the recipients of national recognition for excellence.

One of the simplest, yet strongest arguments in support of dorms at UNO is that UNO owes it to the students to provide them student housing.

Consider the perspective of an entering freshman, straight of high school or the parents home: The child, fresh out of high school and preparing to enter college in the fall wants to go to UNO. But where would the student live? Not every student that comes to UNO is from the Omaha area.

In addition, many students find the transition between living at home with mom and dad and going out and getting that first place on their own easier after living in a dorm for a while.

For many, entering college means getting that first experience of independence. There is more of an education gained through the college years than just what is taught in class — it is a life experience.

The old "It will cost too much" argument just won't cut it this time. UNO administrators insist that no state funding would be used to construct these dorms.

According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, UNO conducted a survey of UNO students and 79 percent said dorms would have been of interest to them if they they had been available.

The demand is there, the finances will all be worked out, and it is essential for the continued success of UNO. The decision to finally provide student housing at UNO is simple.

• from Clarkson, page 1 •

"Here's a facility," she said, "right next door (Clarkson) that we need and that we can get for a very, very affordable price."

O'Brien also said that buying Clarkson was in NU's "long-term best interests."

Neither Skrupa nor O'Brien were certain of job security for the Clarkson staff.

"It's a two-edged sword," Skrupa said. "Even the staff of the Med Center could be impacted by this. Should the Med Center acquire Clarkson some of the Clarkson personnel might be cut and some of the Med Center staff could be cut."

The Clarkson people I know are very concerned and have been put in a condition to be concerned," she said.

Dr. Carol Aschenbrenner, chancellor of the Med Center, was unavailable for comment on the issue.

Tom O'Connor, Med Center public relations coordinator, said, "It's way too early to determine what's going to happen to the staff there."

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O'Brien said it is likely the matter will end up in court.

• from Mudd, page 1 •

Currently, this orientation-type course is required only for students in the University Division, she said.

Mudd said she would also like to see more encouragement given to first-year students to take a full semester load of classes.

"Research indicates that students who come here for the first time as full-time students have a greater chance of graduating than part-time," she said.

Mudd was originally hired by UNO in 1969 as a counselor/instructor in the University Division and later became director of orientation. She left UNO in 1986 to serve as dean of students at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, her hometown.

Mudd returned to UNO in 1988 as coordinator of counseling in the University Division and eventually was appointed as assistant vice chancellor for educational and student services.

Mudd received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Tennessee State University and her master's in guidance and counseling from Atlanta University. In 1984, she received her doctorate in higher educa-

tion from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Barbara Hewins-Maroney, executive assistant to the chancellor, said Weber will form an advisory search committee to identify candidates for the permanent position of vice chancellor for educational and student services in the near future.


"I would say within two weeks a committee will be formed composed of faculty, staff, students and maybe one or two people from the community," she said, adding that the position could be filled by January 1, 1996.

Hewins-Maroney spoke for Weber who is on vacation.

When asked if she will apply for the permanent position, Mudd said, "I'm not certain right now. My main concern now is to keep this division moving forward. Besides, I don't know what criteria the search committee will be looking for."

Mudd said she has received many letters of congratulations and encouragement from UNO officials of her appointment.

"When you have the support from people across the campus, especially faculty members, that's good to have," she said.



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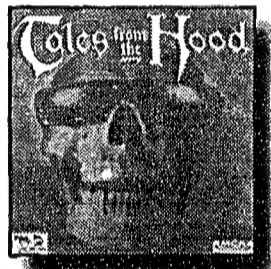
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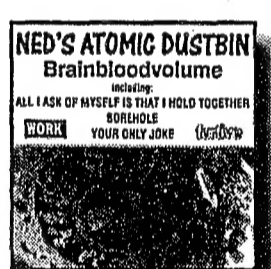
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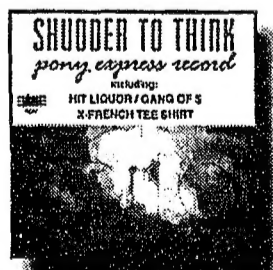
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